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MORMONS FIGHT THE DEMOCRATS

Church Was Strongly Against That Party in Idaho During the Last Campaign.

BY J. H. JACKSON
SAYS AT WASHINGTON.

Efforts in Smoot Investigation that There Was Great Difficulty in Getting Local Chairmen in the Mormon Counties Everywhere. Threats Made by Mormons to Democratic Speeches Were Reviled.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Charles S. Smith, democratic state chairman, said today in the Smoot inquiry, that he had great difficulty in getting local chairmen in the Mormon counties everywhere. Threats made by Mormons to democratic speeches were reviled.

Smith asserted that well informed persons asked the legislature a sugar bounty law. They said for the reason that sugar has been hauled as a commodity in Idaho.

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ACQUITTAL AND CONVICTION.

One Partner Discharged, the Other Will Be Imprisoned.

London, Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of E. T. Hooley, the famous promoter, charged with manufacturing false contracts to deceive the public, returned a verdict of not guilty this morning. Hooley was discharged. Henry J. Lawson, Hooley's partner, was found guilty and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

Hooley has been termed a second J. P. Whittaker Wright. The capitalization of companies he promoted reached far into the millions of pounds. The charge of which Hooley was acquitted today was technically that of defrauding J. Payne of \$50,000 by selling him shares in alleged gold mines and other worthless concerns.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Six Were Injured in the Burning of a Brooklyn Dwelling.

Brooklyn, Dec. 17.—In a fire which destroyed a dwelling on South Ninth street this morning, three burned to death, and six injured. The dead are Arnold Reynolds, aged 70; Alice Simon, aged 35; Charles Paynter, aged 2. The occupants were asleep and were overtaken by the fire, which started in a basement and cut off escape.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—May wheat opened \$1.11, closed \$1.10 1/2. Corn opened 45 1/2, closed 45 1/4. Oats opened 31 1/2, closed 31 3/4.

EXPERIENCES OF MISSIONARIES

PAPER DESCRIBING THE HOME LIFE OF SYRIANS.

Interesting Narration of Superstitions Among the People of Sam, Narrated by Miss Hatch, Ex-missionary in That Country—Story of the Conversion of a Family Who Believed in Possession by Evil Spirits.—Incredible Persecutions.

At the meeting at the Presbyterian church, yesterday afternoon, Miss Hatch, who is a missionary in Laos, gave a very interesting address. Mr. Dackie, who is a native of Syria, contributed a paper which told of the home life in Syria.

Spirit worship, spirit possession and spirit persecution are common beliefs among the Laos people of Sam, and the beliefs frequently work severe hardships upon innocent people. A missionary of the Presbyterian foreign board, tells the story of a young woman who lived not far from the medical compound in Nan. She had been married a number of years and had two children, the elder 9 years old. Her husband was taken ill, and the spirit doctor (Maw Pee), who was called in, declared the illness to be caused by the wife's spirit.

No amount of reasoning could convince the husband to the contrary, and he left his wife and children, proclaiming the former to be a "Fee Kah," one having power to enter the person of another and cause illness and bad luck. The neighbors sympathized with the husband and persecuted and ostracized the wife and her family, threatening to drive them from the district. During their trouble the family came in touch with the missionaries, with the result that their family idols, spirit houses and heathen charms were renounced. The young woman is now a teacher in a Christian school.

Drunk Wood Alcohol.

Ashtabula, Ky., Dec. 17.—Six men are dead on Beaver Creek from drinking wood alcohol.

REAR-END WRECK IN CALIFORNIA

Section Two of Portland Express Crashes Into Section One Near Marysville.

SEVERAL PORTLAND PEOPLE ARE INJURED.

No Lives Were Lost, Although an Engine at Usual Speed Ran Down a Pullman—Brakeman's Foot Nearly Severed—A Broken Coupling Caused a Stop and the Flaming Brake-man Reported an Answering Whistle—Accident Occurred in the Night.

Sacramento, Dec. 17.—The north-bound Portland express which left Frisco last night, was wrecked by a rear end collision at Berg Station, two miles north of Marysville, at 2 o'clock this morning. No one was killed.

Mrs. George Smith, of Calgary, was cut and bruised and badly shocked. William Wilkinson, of Portland, had, had his collar bone broken.

Barney McLaughlin, a well known character of Portland, had his collar bone broken.

Mrs. Robert Delaney, of Seattle, had contusions on the head. Brakeman Henry Lewis' right foot was almost severed.

The first section had a broken coupling which it stopped to fix, and sent a brakeman back to flag the second section. He claimed he heard the answering whistle from the coming engine, but a moment later the engine struck the rear Pullman. No cars were derailed.

MRS. CHADWICK IN JAIL.

Two of Her Dupes Give Bail and Are at Large.

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Chadwick, President Beckwith and Cashier Spear were arraigned this afternoon before Federal Judge Wing to answer charges made by the federal authorities growing out of Mrs. Chadwick's financial operations. They pleaded not guilty and were permitted to depart on bail. Mrs. Chadwick was returned to jail.

Tom and the Colonel Make Up.

New York, Dec. 17.—Colonel Greene, who had such a friendly meeting with Thomas Lawson at Boston yesterday, is back in town today. Everything is smoothed out. "Lawson and I found that we were not hars, but good fellows," is all that Greene had to say.

TRUSTEE'S FINAL REPORT.

Last Chapter in History of the Wade Failure.

T. C. Taylor, trustee in the matter of C. B. Wade, bankrupt, this morning filed with Thomas Fitz Gerald, referee in bankruptcy, his final report. January 2, 1905, is set as the date of hearing the report, and discharging the trustee.

C. B. Wade, former cashier of the First National Bank, failed about 13 months ago, and his liabilities were found to amount to more than \$360,000. He resigned his position in the bank and was forced into bankruptcy by his creditors. According to the final report of the trustee he has received and disbursed the sum of \$41,282.55 among the creditors.

Scores of persons, not only in Pendleton and Umatilla county, but throughout Eastern Oregon, suffered by reason of the Wade failure. It was found he had speculated extensively in mining ventures, and in blooded stock. Soon after his sensational failure Wade left Pendleton, and is said to be now living somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands.

TO CONSOLIDATE.

Districts 63 and 52 Will Probably Be Merged.

A petition has been prepared by County School Superintendent Frank K. Welles for the merging of districts 63 and 52. The districts lie just east of Helix, and the union is desired by reason of the small number of children of school age in district No. 63. Six signatures, three from each district, are required before the matter can be acted upon by the county boundary board.

Hubbard Will Come.
The gymnasium committee of the Commercial Association has received a proposition from Elbert Hubbard to lecture in Pendleton, which they have accepted. The date of his lecture will be announced later.

NINE DEATHS IN A STEAMER FIRE

Two Passengers and Seven of the Crew Are Overwhelmed By a Burst of Flame.

FIRE WAS DISCOVERED THREE MILES OFF SHORE.

Smoldering Fire Had Crept Through the Vessel Until It Was Impossible to Quench it, or Properly Measure Its Volume and the Danger—The Discipline Was Excellent, But the Headway of the Fire Was Responsible for the Lives Lost—Wreck Lies in an Ice Floe.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 17.—The Star Line steamer Glen Island burned to the water's edge off Greenwich, Conn., early this morning. Two passengers and seven members of the crew perished.

The steamer left New York last night, bound for New Haven and carried a heavy complement of freight, 10 passengers and a crew of 21. When three miles off shore, near Greenwich, fire was discovered. Two boats were lowered with eight passengers and 14 of the crew. Scarcely had they reached the boats when with a roar like an explosion, flames swept the entire deck and enveloped those left behind. All those left perished in the flames or drowned.

Dead: W. E. Henderson, assistant engineer; Francis Busch, fireman; Newman Miller, fireman; John Burke, fireman; Otto Alaxorn, fireman; Otto Burgh, deck hand; R. P. Dermes, deck hand; a woman supposed to be Mrs. Rose Schalkki, a passenger and an unknown man also a passenger.

Fire Spread Swiftly.
Fire broke out at 11:30 on the main deck in the center of the ship. The passengers were immediately awakened and lifeboats prepared. Captain McAllister took charge of the lowering and filling of the boats. The crew exhibited fine discipline, but the rapidity with which the fire spread prevented the victims reaching the boats.

The lifeboats drifted an hour and a half and were picked up by the tug Baily, which transferred the survivors to the Corral.

Wreck Lies in Ice Floe.

The steamer Corning took the survivors to New York. The wreck lies off Captain's Point in the ice floe.

A RESIDENCE FIRE.

Defective Flue Causes Small Blaze at Corner of Johnson and Webb.

Fire and water last night damaged the residence of Mrs. Lazinka, to the extent of about \$150. The fire started from a defective flue and was extinguished with the aid of a small garden hose. The fire department was late in arriving and most of the damage resulted from water thrown promiscuously by a big fire hose. The property is insured for \$1500, with one of Joe Eli's companies.

Extra Help at Postoffice.

The department has allowed an extra clerk for 15 days during the holiday rush, to prevent congestion of the mail. Leonard LeRone will serve as extra clerk. W. E. Clark one of the substitute mail carriers, taking LeRone's route during his service as clerk. The carriers' window will be kept open from 2 to 4 to hand out packages too large for the carriers to deliver.

Fight Over District Division.

January 7 is the date set for the hearing of the matter of the division of school district No. 86. There are two school houses in this district, and the residents are divided into two factions. A petition is before the boundary board for division, but a remonstrance has also been filed. The county boundary board consists of the county court and the school superintendent.

Nearly a Runaway.

A bad runaway was narrowly averted this afternoon in front of Lee Teutsch's store. A woman driving a spirited team hitched to a hack, was driving along Main street when the tongue of the wagon dropped down, frightening the team, which ran into another wagon, breaking the tongue. Bystanders caught the running team and stopped them. The woman pluckily stayed with the lines.

Jesse Falling Improving.

Jesse Falling is reported to have rallied from the shock of the operation of amputating his leg, and his recovery is anticipated. During his long sickness he received massage constantly, which probably helped him to withstand the operation. It is remarkable to find a man 80 years of age possessing such vitality as Mr. Falling.

DENVER ELECTION FRAUDS.

Democratic Politicians Hauled Into Supreme Court.

Denver, Dec. 17.—Detective William H. Green, democratic boss of precinct three, ward four, known as "Green county," Frank McMahon, Jean Disaye and Thomas Goodman, local ward leaders, were placed on trial in the supreme court this morning, charged with contempt in participating in election frauds.

"Green county" has less than 250 registered voters, but the democratic candidate was given 700 majority.

Wholesale Counting Out.

This action of the court gives the republicans a solid delegation in the legislature from Denver, and the control of both branches of the legislature. The republican managers assert that when all the fraudulent votes are eliminated Peabody will have a plurality.

HUMPHREY AND JONES PROTEST

Much Aid Over Government Contract With German Company.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Congressmen Humphrey and Jones, of Washington, called upon the president to lodge a protest against the Panama canal commission's award to the German Cosmo Steamship Company for carrying lumber from Puget Sound to the canal strip. "The bid made by Americans was just as low as the Germans," said Humphrey, "the only difference being the Germans offered to ship the lumber in broken lots." The president said he would see what could be done.

RECITAL WAS A REAL SUCCESS

VOTED A GREAT TREAT BY ALL WHO ATTENDED.

Was an Exhibition of Considerable Talent and Much Faithful Preparation—Affair Deserved a Large Audience and Was an Excellent Advertisement for the Future—The Pantomime Drill, "Old Oaken Bucket," Was Well Done.

The recital given by Mrs. Bleakney was of unusual interest and showed decided ability as well as faithful training. Those who attended were given a treat.

Mrs. Bleakney opened the program with a reading that was heartily enjoyed, and to which she responded. She gave a very realistic description of an old-fashioned corn husking, and made the young folks wish they had been there to find the "red ear" with all the privileges it confers upon the lucky finder.

Vera Marston followed with a piano solo. Myrtle Walker's recitation was well received. The next on the program was a minuet by Cathlene Furish, which showed careful training and skill.

Florence Davis, accompanied by Audrie Dutton upon the piano, gave a violin solo that received a hearty encore. Miss Davis gives promise of being a violinist of exceptional merit if she continues her studies in that direction.

Alpha Black pleased her audience with a recitation, as also did Miss Pearl Porter. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the instrumental duet by Vera Marston and Hazel Hamblin.

The evening's entertainment was concluded by another reading by Mrs. Bleakney.

The entertainment deserved a large attendance and doubtless if another similar recital is given by the Academy there will be a larger attendance.

Man and Horse Will Race.

A match is made between Arthur T. Brandvold of Clarkston, and O. P. Pring, of Lewiston, for a purse of \$20, for a 100 yard race between Brandvold on foot, and Mr. Pring on horseback. Mr. Pring is to select his own horse and Mr. Brandvold is to select the route to be it "up hill or down dale" or along the sands of the river shore. Sport is ahead and the announcement of the date and especially the route for the race is being anticipated with great interest.—Lewiston Tribune.

Bert Yetter Confesses.

Bert Yetter, who was being lionized by his friends for preventing a hold-up and being wounded by so doing, has confessed that he was emulating the exploits of some of the heroes of the dime novel. He shot himself and concocted the whole story out of whole cloth so as to get a position as a detective and a money reward from the railroad. Dime novels and cigarettes are two things that every parent should put a strict embargo on.

The jury in the fifth trial of ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, charged with bribery, has disagreed and been discharged. He has been convicted.

BOMBARDMENT OF NEW PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Have the Range on the Arsenal and the Newer Part of the City.

STOESSEL MANEUVERS TO SAVE THE HOSPITALS.

Applies to Nogi for Suspension of Hostilities and Probably to Kill Time—Japanese Hospital Ship Runs Aground on the Japanese Coast, But All Patients Were Safely Landed—Japanese Diet Has the New Budget or Financial Estimates Presented.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The Japanese directed a heavy bombardment upon Port Arthur yesterday and the new town was badly damaged. The arsenal was struck many times and several shells hit the magazine. The house passed the general war budget yesterday.

Hospital Ship Beached.

Mojik, Japan, Dec. 17.—The Japanese transport Marushu, and hospital ship Rohilla, collided today off Shimonesaki. Both were damaged. The Rohilla was beached and the sick and wounded landed.

To Protect Hospitals.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—A telegram from Port Arthur states that General Stoessel has opened negotiations with General Nogi to obtain protection for the hospitals inside the fortress during the bombardment. He has furnished Nogi with a plan of fortifications, indicating the hospital positions.

THE NEW HELIX BANK.

Buys a Building Site and Safe and Elects Officers.

On Wednesday the directors of the Helix bank held a meeting to decide upon the purchase of a building for the bank. They decided to purchase the building owned by Clyde Bott and formerly used as a meat market. They also authorized the purchase of a safe, which is thought to be one of the largest in use in the county. It is over seven feet high, three and a half feet deep and has two combination locks and a time lock.

The officers of the new bank are E. L. Smith, president; Charles McAlvay, vice president, and Frank Richmond, Carl Kupers and William Scott, directors. The new bank will be ready for business shortly after the first of the year.

Who Was Governor.

Many years ago William H. Seward when governor of New York, took a seat by the driver on the outside of a stagecoach running to one of the interior towns. The driver thought his passenger was a little out of the ordinary run, and had a curiosity to know who and what he was. So, after a while, he asked him whether he was a traveling preacher, to which the governor responded, "No." In the course of the next hour he suggested other occupations of his passenger, to all of which the governor responded, "No." At last his curiosity became so strong that he said: "Well, stranger, what are you, anyhow?" Mr. Seward answered, "governor." "Governor of what?" said the driver. "Governor of New York." "Gilt out," said the driver, "you can't come that on me." Just then they were entering a little village, and the governor saw ahead, by the side of the road, a man whom he knew. "Well, when you get along to that man standing there, pull up for a minute." So the driver pulled up his horses and Mr. Seward said to the man: "Am I the governor of New York, Mr. B—?" "No," replied the man. Mr. Seward, considerably astonished, said: "Then who is?" "Thurlow Weed."

Picture by Nature.

Saturday, while engaged in moving one of the buildings from railroad right of way Mr. P. Catlin unearthed one of those curious stones upon which nature has imprinted the picture of a stretch of woodland. The specimen is very pretty.—Arlington Record.

Masacre 24 Greeks.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—A Greek band of 28 men encountered a body of Bulgarians near Sarakino and 24 Greeks were killed. Many assassinations of Bulgarians by Albanians.